

Application No. 10/505,192
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 21, 2006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An interior vehicular trim panel for an interior of a vehicle[[headliner]], the trim panel comprising:

a headliner positioned in the interior of the vehicle, said headliner including
a compressed substrate including a first compressed surface positioned
distally from the vehicle interior, and [[an opposite,]] a second compressed surface positioned
proximate to the vehicle interior, said second surface arranged substantially parallel to said first
surface to form[[ing]] a thickness[[of said substrate therebetween]], said first surface having a
plurality of impressions formed therein along a plane of said first surface so as to create a
corresponding number of projections extending outwardly from said second surface extending
towards the interior of the vehicle[[substantially perpendicular to said plane of said first
surface]], and

a layer of material attached to said projections of said substrate,
~~wherein said layer of material together with said projections form an I-~~
~~beam structure that enhances the strength of the headliner.~~

8. (Currently amended) The [[headliner]]interior trim panel according to Claim 7,
wherein said substrate and said layer of material are comprised of polyethylene terephthalate
(PET) material.

9. (Currently amended) The [[headliner]]interior trim panel according to Claim 7,
wherein said substrate and said layer of material are comprised of 100% recyclable material.

10. (Currently amended) The [[headliner]]interior trim panel according to Claim 7,
wherein said impressions and corresponding projections are arranged in a substantially linear

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pattern of at least three rows with said projections on a first row offset from said projections on a second row so as to have a maximum number per unit area of substrate.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~[[headliner]]~~interior trim panel according to Claim 7, further comprising a face fabric attached to said layer of material.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~[[headliner]]~~interior trim panel according to Claim 7, wherein said plurality of impressions and corresponding projections form a two-dimensional array.

13. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a headliner, comprising the steps of:
compressing both sides of a substrate so as to form a first surface, and an opposite, second surface substantially parallel to said first surface forming a thickness of said substrate therebetween, said first surface having a plurality of impressions formed therein along a plane of said first surface so as to create a corresponding number of projections extending outwardly from said second surface substantially perpendicular to said plane of said first surface;
and

attaching a layer of material to the projections of the substrate,
whereby the layer of material together with the projections form an I-beam structure that enhances the strength of the headliner.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, further comprising the step of attaching a face fabric to the layer of material.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, further comprising the step of arranging the plurality of impressions and corresponding projections so as to have a maximum number per unit area of substrate.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, wherein the plurality of impressions and corresponding projections form a two-dimensional array.

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17. (New) The interior trim panel according to Claim 7, wherein the headliner further comprises a trim stock directly bonded to the first compressed surface of the compressed substrate.